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## THE TRAPNELL REPORT:

# COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONCERNS

Meetings of November, 1972

P.O. Box 49633, L.A., Calif. 90049

December 4, 1972

### FACULTIES AND PRESIDENTS RESIST RULE CHANGES

Not since 1970, when the Board majority abandoned the Merit System of hiring faculty by objective examination and when limited Accreditation had been given several colleges because of Trustee-campus relationships, have there been meetings like those on November 15 and 22, 1972. 200-300 Faculty members crowded the Board room, seating capacity about 70, from 2-9:45 PM on November 15, to protest the new PERSONNEL RULES; 24 presented facts and arguments on the illegality of the proceedings and in defense of their present work loads.

Prior to this November 15 meeting, the College Guild (AFT), the Los Angeles College Teachers Association (CTA), and the Certificated Employees Council (CEC) went to court to ask for a temporary restraining order to prevent the Board from taking action before "meeting and conferring" with the CEC as required by the State's Winton Act. Judge Robert Wenke refused on the ground that, while the Trustees were obligated to confer with the CEC, he could find nothing in the Winton Act compelling the Board to "meet and confer" in advance.

The Board majority's chief defense of the new Rules, whose vague wording, the College Guild reports, may permit a 50 hour work week on campus for all instructional personnel, was County Counsel Chu's advice that the specific wording would make court cases easier to win.

The PERSONNEL RULES (CHAPTER X, ARTICLE IV, Rules 10401. through 10405.) were passed 5-2, to be implemented July 1, 1973, after CEC suggestions and re-submission to the Board. Wyatt and Orozco voted against the motion, the latter because he wanted "implementation tonight". Washington and Bronsten voted yes  
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because, after defeat of their motions to table or withdraw, they realized that the Board majority might also pass and implement immediately.

On November 15, before the passage of the new Rules, Richman attacked the College Presidents for not assigning work loads according to present rules; he had with him several pages of records from Pierce College, in which he found evidence of 2 Speech classes under 30 students. After Acting Superintendent Spaeter indicated that the Presidents could adjust faculty programs for a variety of reasons, Washington said, "If there is all this latitude, then hold the Presidents accountable; these specific rules are not our role." LaFollette: "Let's take Dr. Washington's suggestion and get a close look at our Presidents. They come up for evaluation too."

As a result, after the November 15 vote on the new Rules, the Presidents were ordered to appear at a Committee of the Whole meeting on Nov. 22, at which time the 8 college Presidents sat at a long table facing the Board and answered questions. All, except Brinkman of Trade-Tech, opposed the new PERSONNEL RULES, suggesting, with various degrees of vehemence, that, if they were adopted, the Board should hire clerks, not Presidents, to run the colleges. Their main concerns were the need for college autonomy under broad Trustee policy, and for high campus morale.

Presidential remarks ranged from "...decide the degree of centralization you want" to "I don't think we can live with it"..."will not improve productivity"..."it can't work"..."too restrictive". Finally, the November 15 motion was referred to the Presidents' Council (as well as to the CEC) for suggestions before re-submission.

CORRECTION: November 7 CONCERNS reported no evidence of a doctorate for Dr. Koltai, the new Chancellor-Superintendent, who is taking office December 4. Investigation of Board records disclosed the fact (not stated on the press release) that he received in 1967 a Doctor of Education degree, with a major in Management, from UCLA. As reported last month, his first year salary will be \$48,500, there-after \$45,000 a year. Deputy Supt. Kaufman takes office in January at \$38,000 a year.

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## BOARD TACKLES TOILET PAPER CONTRACT

Competing with the great Bagel Controversy that took up an hour or so of the Board's time a few years ago, was the lengthy discussion of the CALIFORNIA WIPING COMPANY (selling Scott paper towels and toilet paper) claim of low bid on a 3 year contract (\$223,180) for the 8 colleges.

Cal Wipe, as its spokesmen called it at the meeting of November 29, was considered "non-responsive" by Business Services because it failed to meet 6 specifications, including size of toilet paper, "crepy quality" of towels, design of dispensers, etc. Dr. Richman insisted that the County CAO should be asked to go over all specifications. William Daily, Coordinator of Purchasing for the Board, gave detailed answers to Cal Wipe's complaint, adding that 2 people on each campus had supervised tests of the products for one year, before specifications set.

When Orozco said he didn't trust the staff-- "too many incidences of complaint" and after much argument in which Scott and Cal Wipe reps admitted "6 minimal differences" between their bid and the winner, but wondered "if that was worth \$26,000 to the taxpayers", the Board voted 6-1 (Bronson alone supporting Business Services) to table the item, with the proviso that the County Counsel, a Business Services rep, a Cal Wipe rep, and Supt. Spaeter meet and confer.

Question: Can the Board legally give a contract to a non-responsive bidder?

## COLLEGE BONDS TO BE ON APRIL 3 BALLOT

In addition to voting on 3 Community College Board Trustees at the April 3rd Primary-- Bronson and Wyatt will run for re-election, and Antonovich's Office will be open--the public will vote on \$27,700,000 Bond Issue for college construction. The bonds shall pay no more than 7% interest and will be sold from time to time when needed, only when authorized by Trustees. Consolidation of this Bond Election with the City Primary will reduce the cost; also, the State mandates a Bond Election before all other methods, such as a local tax override.

Bronson, on November 29, moved the adoption of a \$35,000,000 Bond issue, which would have provided needed facilities for all 8 colleges. Richman attacked him, saying, "You are presenting this contentious motion in a very dishonorable way." Bronson's motion for \$27,700,000, no college projects listed, was termed by Richman, "a crass play". Finally, \$27,700,000 for Southwest, West, Trade-Tech, East, and Pierce was passed unanimously--ballot listing projects. Richman did not give reasons for his remarks.

## BOARD BRIEFINGS

Among requests for Federal grants (total \$1,336,184) approved by the Board on Nov. 15 were 2 very large ones from Southwest College and Trade-Tech, \$750,000 for the former and a total of \$400,000 for the latter, both "to improve the academic and vocational success of students...." No money is demanded of the District now, and Orozco was guaranteed that it would not have to continue programs if Federal money failed.

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A contract was voted unanimously on Nov. 29 with Santa Monica City College to continue sending West LA, Beverly Hills, and Brentwood students to Santa Monica for 3 years, not to exceed 4500 ADA and to be modified if West LA College enrollment falls below 2300 day attendance. (Its present enrollment is 2423.) This contract is said to save District \$300,000.

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In a November 16 L.A. Times interview, retiring Board President Mike Antonovich, concerned with what he regards as a preponderance of liberal faculty, stated that college Presidents were paid to hire "politically balanced" faculties, and he thought they were doing the job. He added, "I do not think you can ask an instructor his political affiliation...." He did not indicate how the Presidents were to know, as Gilbert and Sullivan's sentry would say, who "was born a little liberal or else a little conservative." (Iolanthe) The sentry added that they "had to leave their brains outside." Members of Parliament, of course.

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By leaving the meeting frequently on Nov. 29, Dr. Richman missed votes on 9 items, also the Executive Session which convened about 7 PM. Yet, when Bronson was called out to have his picture taken and Washington stepped out for a few minutes during the great toilet paper controversy, Richman commanded the other Board members to stop debate, and, as he put it, "sit and look at each other" until the errant Bronson and Washington returned. They did not miss any votes; they also attended Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

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This fall Valley College Community Services has been offering an interesting list of "short-term classes", 10 of them, 5-14 sessions each, including such subjects as Irish Folklore, Dog Care, Creative Writing, The Hollywood Film, and International Cooking. Fees, most about \$10, are charged, waived for senior citizens. Professor Ruby Zuver, originator of these courses and Coordinator of Community Services at Valley, reports that the courses are popular and will be increased in number next semester. In addition, there are 10 daytime, 5 evening concerts.

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November 7, 1972

### ONE LOSS, ONE MISTRIAL FOR BOARD IN COURT

The unanimous decision (written by Justice Burke) of the California Supreme Court's seven judges (two of them Reagan appointees) to sustain the Superior Court order to reinstate Deena Metzger as a permanent, certificated employee of the Los Angeles Junior College District "with retroactive benefits" prompted Mike Antonovich, President of the Board of Trustees, to call a press conference in which he termed the judges weak and to send out a press release at taxpayers' expense in which he urged the public to defeat the judges who come up for re-election in 1974.

The first paragraph of the Supreme Court decision reads: "The Board had sought to suspend and dismiss defendant on charges of 'immoral conduct' and 'evident unfitness for service' (Ed. Code 13403, subds.(a),(e)), but the trial court concluded that these charges were untrue and were insufficient to constitute cause for her discharge or suspension. We have concluded that the trial court's judgment must be affirmed, having the support of substantial evidence in the record."

When Antonovich, in his press release and press conference of October 30, said he was speaking for the "majority of the Board of Trustees", Trustee Frederic Wyatt asked why he had not been contacted; Antonovich's response was that he had phoned once on Sunday, October 29, but had gotten a busy signal. The Board President said the only trustees he had been able to reach were Richman, Orozco, and La Follette, who agreed with him in asking the County Counsel to study possible appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, even though Harney, hired at a cost estimated by Mr. Wyatt as at least \$50,000, advised the Board, according to the LA Times, that there was no basis for appeal.

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At the end of his press conference, Antonovich, whose written statement called Mrs. Metzger's poem "obscure, sacreligious, contrary to public interest and pornographic", had the poem xeroxed and distributed by the young Communications officer, Susan Harriger, to all who attended, including college student reporters.

Another Board case was declared a mistrial on October 24, that of the Trade-Tech students arrested for disturbing the March 1, 1972 meeting, when they protested the Board's refusal to obey the Superior Court's order that a chapter of SDS be permitted on the Trade-Tech campus. Since March 1, two trials of these three students consumed months of court, prosecutor, public defender, attorney, County Counsel, and jury time.

The first trial resulted in a split jury, with one defendant's case dismissed. The second trial ended on October 24, in the middle of Mr. Antonovich's cross-examination by the Defense, in which he testified to having heard the tape of the March 1st meeting. Presiding Judge Mary Waters immediately suggested that the Defense make a motion for a mistrial, indicating that if the motion was made she would consent, and so she did.

### WASHINGTON MAY BE BOUNCED FROM BOARD

On November 1, Orozco asked County Counsel, Mrs. Chu, about possible conflict of interest in Dr. Washington's being both Asst. Supt. of Public Instruction for the State and also a Community College Trustee. Mrs. Chu responded that her opinion is now being reviewed by the County Counsel "committee that reviews incompatibility of office." Orozco continued, "We may lose one member, maybe two. It's not too early for the Board to consider what action may be taken." Washington protested further discussion as conjecture, hypothesis, and inappropriate at this time. However, Richman requested that Mrs. Chu reveal her decision, and Antonovich remarked that they might have to budget an extra election. Discussion ended when Mrs. Chu said she was forbidden by law to give an oral opinion; the written opinion would be available to the Board not later than December 14.

## BOARD MAJORITY WANTS "TOUGH GUIDELINES"

Basing his remarks on a sentence from the California Supreme Court's decision in the Metzger case: "Neither the Board, the college administration, nor the defendant's immediate superiors had adopted regulations or directives restricting the types of supplementary teaching materials," Antonovich said at October 30 press conference, "I have also requested the county counsel to draw up tough guidelines..." Subsequently he added that he would be a member of the Education Committee of the Assembly with a lot of influence on evaluation of teachers.

The Board has ignored the following sentence in the Supreme Court decision: "The trial court found the evidence insufficient to show either that the defendant acted with an improper motive, that her use of the poem and brochure was 'out of line' with modern academic practice, or that any student was harmed by exposure to these materials."

At the November 1 Board meeting, 3 actions were initiated, one of which, LaFollette's noticed motion raising the working hours of English profs and changing 11 faculty rules, caused the College Guild to threaten the Board with an injunction if the new working conditions were not negotiated under the Winton Act. However, the Board majority plus Wyatt voted to act on November 15. Bronson thought the motion should be put off until the new Supt. takes office December 1.

On November 1 also, Richman called for a code of ethics for the teaching profession. When Washington said the implication was "that immoral people were on our faculties", Antonovich said guidelines were the only way to protect students, and Richman added, "Our instructional staff will get what they invited." He then introduced a motion requiring the faculties to give the Board a code of ethics within 60 days; passed 4-3.

Finally, at the November 1 meeting, LaFollette waved the Faculty-Administrator recommendations on Evaluation in the air and suggested that "tougher rules of conduct in the classroom" were necessary. The implication was that Evaluation, which takes place this fall, would be directed by the Board, not by the campuses.

## BOYCOTT OF CAFETERIAS AVERTED

Threatened boycott of cafeterias by Student Body Presidents in her Student Affairs Committee caused LaFollette to order roll-back in prices, action protested by Washington as by-passing Board. Board on October 18 ordered survey of cafeteria operations by San Francisco's Flam-Bert and Flam-Bert, at cost of \$12,500.

## NEW CHANCELLOR SAYS HE IS "MOST COST-CONSCIOUS"

Dr. Leslie Koltai, hired on October 5 at \$48,500 for the first year and \$45,000 a year thereafter (his deputy Superintendent Kaufman was selected before him on the same day at \$38,000 per year), announced in a press release that he believed that "success for community colleges will be measured by a balanced budget, not by enrollment figures."

Dr. Donald Click, his predecessor as Chancellor-Superintendent of the District, received \$33,552 a year, without a Deputy-Superintendent. He resigned in June to become President of Santa Monica City College. Koltai is the third Chancellor since this Board took office in July, 1969.

Koltai added in his press release: "With the cooperation of the faculty and staff, we can uphold the educational needs of the community and it can be accomplished with financial limitation." His final statement: "I see my role to carry out the policy of the Board--not less, not more."

Koltai, 41, escaped from Hungary in 1956, worked for the Voice of America in Austria; received an MA in Journalism at UCLA; taught Russian and international relations at Pasadena City College in 1960, where he became chairman of foreign languages and dean; then to Kansas City as Chancellor of Junior Colleges, now to Los Angeles. The press release credits him with an MA from the University of Budapest; there is no mention of where he got his doctorate. Nixon appointed him to the National Council on Humanities in 1970.

## FACULTY PICKETS PROTEST IRREGULAR APPOINTMENTS

Mel Brunetti, Faculty President at East LA, appeared before the Board on October 5 to protest 3 appointments made by Acting Pres. John Duling, all evidently under pressure and not in accordance with Faculty and College rules. Hal Mintz, a faculty member active in the firing of Pres. Wells from East LA last June, was appointed over 8 other applicants Coordinator of Student Activities, which carries extra salary and no teaching assignments. The Director of Forensics usually selected by Department and students, was replaced, as was a Faculty member on the Student Council. After the Board discussed Brunetti's complaint (backed by 130 faculty) in Executive Session, Antonovich announced that it was a purely administrative matter, and they should write a letter to Spaeter. The East LA faculty picketed the college one hour on October 30 to protest the appointments--first picket line in the 43 year history of the colleges!

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### PROPOSITION 14 THREATENS COLLEGES

COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONCERNS is published to preserve the COMMUNITY COLLEGES for the 100,000 students of all ages that attend them in Los Angeles; 850,000 people in the State. We assume that readers of this publication share our concerns. Therefore, we join the Los Angeles Community Colleges' Board of Trustees in their unanimous opposition to the Watson Initiative, PROPOSITION 14.

If passed, it might destroy the community colleges as we know them, since it would eliminate their property tax base, with no provision for funding except that, "The community college system from the standpoint of financial support is merged into the state college system and will receive its funds by appropriation of the State Legislature the same as the state university and the state colleges." ("Rebuttal", pub. by proponents of Proposition 14.) A 5 year grace period is given Kindergarten through 12th Grade Districts to reduce their property taxes to the \$2.00 limit; no grace period is given the community colleges to eliminate their present \$.55 property tax. "The community college system loses its source of funding and is provided no replacement revenues by the amendment," say the opponents of Proposition 14, headed by Dr. Norman Topping, Chancellor of the University of Southern California. Even if funding was immediately provided by the Legislature, undoubtedly the hard-pressed legislators would impose TUITION such as exists in other areas of higher education. The OPEN DOOR, which has made community college education available to all, would end. Community Colleges are the cheapest form of post-secondary education, costing the taxpayer one-third to one-half less per student than other higher education. With additional state administration, the community colleges must cost more. Their price per student will undoubtedly approximate that of the 4-year institutions. The Los Angeles Community Colleges' Board of Trustees has urged that forums and other means be used to get the facts to students and public. "Questions and Answers" and other leaflets may be obtained from Californians Against Higher Taxes (Chairman, Dr. Topping), P.O. Box 76115, L.A. 90076, (213) 381-2106.

### STUDENTS ASK BOYCOTT OF CAFETERIAS

As reported in August 14 CONCERNS (Meetings of July, 1972), Richman's motion that cafeteria workers' health insurance and retirement benefits be included in the cost of cafeteria food was passed 5-2 (Bronson and Washington opposed). The VALLEY COLLEGE STAR, weekly student newspaper, is calling for a boycott of the cafeteria (September 28), stating that food prices have risen an average of 21%. The paper questions whether this is "possibly in violation of Phase II of President Nixon's Wage and Price Freeze." They ask for "a 75 cent lunch."

### MEETING GRANTED ON GRAD REQUIREMENTS

On September 13, Virginia Mulrooney, Executive Secretary of the College Guild (AFT), asked that a Board meeting date be set for faculty input on graduation requirements, especially by the Certificated Employees Council, the official faculty negotiating body under the State's Winton Act. Although Acting Supt. Spaeter said the Winton Act did not require faculty input on graduation requirements, Washington insisted on an open meeting; the other members of the Board wished at least to see minutes and data of the Deans' meetings. October 25 is date set.

Owen Waters, Exec. Director of Los Angeles College Teachers Association (NEA), has compiled a study of the 8 colleges' investment in PHYSICAL EDUCATION. The P.E. requirement for graduation is being questioned by some Board members. The figures are impressive: 512,570 sq.ft. in buildings and 172,462 student hours in 1971-72.

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## COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION CLEARED UP?

The September 6th CONCERNS (Meetings of August) stated: "There is also a 10 year building plan which Business Manager J.R. Brick said in March demanded 3 years' capital construction taxes, permitted by the State." Mr. Brick has dictated a correction, which we are glad to publish: "As I said in my report dated May 18, 1972, setting forth the sources of funds and projects' status for 1971-72, 72-73, 73-74, the Board has the option to levy taxes as its share of projects wherein the State participates."

At its September 27 meeting, the Board unanimously approved submission of "preliminary planning packages and application" to the Office of Chancellor, California Community Colleges, for financial assistance for the construction of Phase IA of Southwest College and the Library Learning Centre of East LA College, also for the working drawings for Library Learning Center and Music Bldg. at Harbor, and for the Academic Bldg., Library Learning Center and Physical Education Center at West LA.

Included was the statement: "This action is a necessary part of the procedure for seeking State participation in construction projects.. Execution of the documents does not irrevocably commit the Board of Trustees to completion of the projects."

The construction program, whose District funds could be raised by a Capital Construction tax or a bond issue, will take place after next Spring's Election. The 1972-73 Election Year taxes have remained stationary, omitting any Capital Construction tax. Southwest College has priority, but with a Reserve Fund of only \$8.2 millions, the \$13 millions needed for the first Southwest building will have to be raised in 1973-74.

As for West LA, occupancy of permanent bldgs. now dated 1976, Mrs. LaFollette suggested on September 13 that predictions of decreasing enrollment suggest a review of the need for these structures. Wyatt reminded the Board that LA residents are being phased out of Santa Monica College to West LA, only 20% of them having been transferred so far.

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Beginning November 1, 1972, meetings of the Board of Trustees will be held every two weeks. The usual meeting time is 2:30 PM; the usual place the Board offices, 2140 W. Olympic Blvd., one block west of Alvarado. Phone is 380-6000. Readers of CONCERNS are urged to attend at least one meeting--see you there.

## BOARD BRIEFINGS

By the time you receive this, the Board will probably have appointed the new Superintendent on October 4, Leslie Koltai of Kansas City, at \$45,000 per year, with a 4 year contract. I use the word "probably" because some controversy has arisen over the appointment of General Louis Kaufman, 2 years' President of City College, as Deputy Superintendent at \$38,000 per year. Dr. Kaufman was most recently in the news because, admittedly, all incoming telephone calls at City College were being monitored "for security reasons". The charge is made that the post of Deputy Superintendent was not advertised, as required by law. A 3-3 division on the Board (Mrs. LaFollette is in Europe) could hold up both appointments. Dr. Koltai, reached in Kansas City, said he had not met Dr. Kaufman.

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The Board of Trustees voted unanimously on September 13 to pay \$3,000 per college, \$24,000 in all, for the year 1972-73, to the Consortium for Community College Broadcast Television. Last year the cost was \$2,000 per college. For its membership, the District will receive 5 films worth \$75,000.

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The NARCOTICS INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER at Valley College, which has served 159,000 people with its various services, has expanded its program to include ALCOHOLISM.

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Mrs. LaFollette asked to talk as a non-agenda speaker at the September 13 meeting, but was told by County Counsel that, as a Board member she did not have that privilege. She, therefore, introduced as NEW BUSINESS at the end of the meeting the fact that 9 employees had applied for Deans' positions, six men and three women, the latter having 57 years' experience. When Antonovich argued against quotas, LaFollette also opposed bias and prejudice. On September 27, 3 male Deans were appointed--no women.

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Trustee Arthur Bronson pointed out several times at the September 27 meeting that the Community Colleges "are out in left field" with respect to the well-organized ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM of the Unified (K-12) District. At least \$9,000,000 a year, raised by a 10 cent ADULT TAX, is being spent on such programs as the Westchester Community Adult School, offering 21 Academic classes (English, Science, etc.) "meeting University requirements", also Business and Industrial Education courses normally given at the community colleges. Dr. Modisett is the liaison in this area.

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September 6, 1972

### THE PLUS COLUMN

**CONCERNS**, which frequently views with alarm the situation of the 8 L.A. Community Colleges under the 4-3 prevailing vote of this Board of Trustees (Antonovich, LaFollette, Orozco, Richman vs. Bronson, Washington, Wyatt) also is pleased to report progress.

One improvement is the increasing use of Federal and State grants. Trustee Washington, in 1969, and later SOCC (SAVE OUR COMMUNITY COLLEGES), in the Election campaign, Spring, 1971, emphasized that this District could get grants of as much as \$8,000,000 a year.

The majority members of the Board were at first opposed to either Federal or Foundation grants and turned down several. Help is still occasionally turned down--a Headstart Child Care Centre for Harbor College last spring, and, on August 30, a grant of \$110,000 for a nursing centre for the same college (a 3,000 sq. foot relocatable building with all learning equipment provided) was tabled, Richman questioning the cost to the District of utilities.

However, the report of George W. Young, Director of Governmental Affairs Programs, shows receipt of \$3,335,797 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972. The new year has started well with substantial grants for library books and learning aids, nursing student scholarships, student financial aid, work incentive programs, a real estate education program, and salaries for the 135 persons employed under the Federal Emergency Unemployment Act. In addition, Southwest College is applying for \$188,484, for "developing the background knowledge and improving the foundation skills for nursing and pre-nursing students." There is still concern that

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not enough financial aid is available for needy students.

**ANOTHER PLUS** IS THE NEW COURSES developed in the colleges with Federal or State funding, some of the recent ones being a training program in critical care for registered nurses, a training session in Medical Electronics, and a cooperative program between East LA and USC in paramedical training for ex-military corpsmen.

Even though Dr. Richman spoke on radio recently opposing Ballot Measure #1 in the November election (State Bonds to build community colleges), on the ground that Los Angeles would pay most and get least, the Board already has plans for spending the \$10,000,000 from this Bond issue on permanent buildings for West LA College.

Another **PLUS** is the beginning of acceptance of a tax override for capital construction. While Mrs. LaFollette demurred about taxes, she agreed at the last meeting with Washington that the Board is committed to permanent buildings at Southwest College, for which there are plans, but no money. There is also a 10 year building plan, which Business Manager J.R. Brick said in March demanded 3 years' capital construction taxes, permitted by the State. On August 30, when Orozco said building plans should be revised, not taxes, Richman answered, "Sell to the District the idea of a local override tax of 2 or 3 cents to raise 13-17 millions for Southwest, rather than the 65 cents needed for State Bonds."

### IS BOWLING MICKEY MOUSE?

Students under 21 have been required by the State Education Code to take Health and Physical Education, but 18-year-old-adulthood has been ruled by the Attorney General as lowering the age. As a result, West LA, with no gym, has been denied bowling and iceskating, which LaFollette calls frills and Orozco labels Mickey Mouse. Antonovich favors no Phys Ed. requirement. The Phys Ed teachers point out that physical fitness has nothing to do with the voting age; until World War II Gym was required in colleges to age 25.

## DO AUTOMOTIVE REQUIREMENTS GEAR GRAD UNITS?

Intensive questioning of Albert Caligiuri, Coordinator of School and College Relations, revealed that the new Graduation Requirements, submitted to the Board on August 30, are geared to vocational students, especially those taking the 40 units required by the Automotive Course.

The new Graduation or "General Education" 15 units omit the former 4 semesters of Physical Education, 1 Health course, American History, and the two semesters of English and Speech. Now the requirements are one semester each of Social Science, Natural Science, Humanities, and Learning Skills, the latter to contain "at least one course in written communication". These basic 15 units of General Education must be supplemented by the student with courses needed for transfer to Upper Division or those demanded by an occupation. Each college may also add further requirements for the AA or AS (Associate in Arts or Associate in Science) degrees, both of which require 60 units.

Owen Waters, Executive Secretary of the Los Angeles College Teachers Association, said the new Graduation Requirements represent "a deterioration of the AA degree." Arnold Fletcher, President of the College Guild, and Chairman of History at Valley College, agreed completely with Mr. Waters, adding "Diplomas indicate that degrees are 'recommended by the faculty', and yet the faculty had not been brought in to discuss these new graduation requirements."

Eugene Pimentel, new President of Harbor College and former Dean of Instruction at Valley, was called on by Superintendent Spaeter to testify that there had been faculty input. Pimentel said the Deans of Instruction had drawn up the requirements after "input from the campuses" in which "faculties were involved". Acting President of Pierce College, Dr. Nicklin, said the Presidents had seen the requirements and raised the question as to what constituted "valid input on the part of the faculty".

Finally, after Caligiuri insisted that the requirements had not been lowered but that they were limited to accommodate vocational education, which, Washington said, enrolls a minority of students in the District, the Board voted to postpone the question of new graduation requirements until the end of October.

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GENERAL BOARD AMUSEMENT greeted Mrs. LaFollette's question on August 30 as to why no women were among the 5 college deans appointed that day. A man, Ray Johnson, has also taken Esther Davis's place as Superintendent of Instruction. Of the 904 administrators in 81 community colleges in California, 97 are women.

## "PREVENTION OF ASSAULTS ON WOMEN" FEATURED

Free China, Inside Germany, the lakes and mountains of Yugoslavia, "the majestic Pyrenees" of Spain, "Catherine the Great's Hermitage Museum" in Russia, flamenco guitarists, ballet dancers, the San Fernando Philharmonic Orchestra, Adelle Davis on Nutrition--these are the typical Community Services offerings at several colleges passed by the Board on August 30. They cost almost \$6,000, and the public, hopefully, would pay \$1 to \$3 admission. Dr. Richman was indignant that "senior citizens" [presumably those who do not see travelogues on Ch 13, but prefer the hard benches of the colleges' men's gyms] would be charged half price, since he had been the author of a resolution to let them in free.

These Community Services events take the place of former years' programs that often featured Martin Luther King, John Gardner (head of Common Cause), Nagy (Hungary's Prime Minister deposed by the USSR), Gore Vidal, Robert Lowell (Pulitzer Prize Poet), Mrs. Gandhi (now Prime Minister of India), series like the Athenaeum at Valley College that were planned by a committee of faculty and students.

After the Board majority blue-pencilled several speakers whose persons or subjects struck that group as controversial, the college committees resigned. Now paid "Coordinators of Community Services" (the salaries of certificated and now-certificated Community Services personnel add up to about \$1,000,000 per year) arrange the programs such as those listed above.

The outstanding feature of these programs, passed on August 30, is Mr. Frederic Storaska (P.O. Box 10733, Raleigh, North Carolina 27605) a psychologist who will visit classes from 9 AM to 3 PM and lecture in the Men's Gym from 7-10 PM at Pierce College on March 16, 1973. PREVENTION OF ASSAULTS ON WOMEN is his topic. He will be paid \$750. The Pierce College Coordinator of Community Services says "due to the crucial nature of the topic" no admission will be charged.

Mr. Storaska, it is further stated, is a psychologist who has done "extensive research" on assaults; "273 documented cases" indicate that his information has enabled women to protect their lives and prevent serious assault." To quote further: "Mr. Storaska's presentation is informative as well as educational....he has lectured to over 2,000,000 students at more than 300 colleges and universities." Board member Antonovich has frequently expressed concern for women "almost raped" on college parking lots, so Mr. Storaska's lectures may fill a real need. He will also be at East LA.

## THE TRAPNELL REPORT:

# COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONCERNS

Meetings of July, 1972

P.O. Box 49633, L.A., Calif. 90049

August 14, 1972

### 5 BALLOTS IN 5 HOURS--A POLITICAL PLOY?

July 12th was the ANNUAL MEETING of the Board of Trustees; ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT was first on the agenda. Marian LaFollette has been President  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years, as Vice-President succeeding Robert C. Cline when he went to the Assembly in January, 1971, and subsequently elected to the office in July, 1971.

Voting began at 2:40 PM, after Mrs. LaFollette reviewed her administration's accomplishments, concluding, "We have reached the end of our growing pains; we start the 4th year more mature." Washington nominated Wyatt. Orozco nominated Antonovich, adding, "It is well known Mr. Antonovich is running for public office; he will step down when he takes his new office." Bronson, as a "freshman" refusing to run, nominated Washington.

FOUR BALLOTS FOLLOWED, Richman abstaining in all four votes. Wyatt withdrew, so the result of 3 ballots was a 3-3 vote, Antonovich, LaFollette, Orozco vs. Washington, Wyatt, Bronson. On the fourth ballot Antonovich nominated LaFollette; she abstained, and with Richman still abstaining, the vote was 3 for Washington and 2 for LaFollette. 4 votes win.

Wyatt pointed out that Antonovich had missed a lot of time in meetings, adding, "This is the continuance of a political ploy. It will look good on flyers. Washington brings a wealth of understanding way beyond Antonovich in educational circles. These political maneuvers are not in the best interests of the District."

LaFollette then asked Washington, who is State Assistant Superintendent of Education, if he had time for the job. He responded, "The problem of the District is the abnormal influence of the Board. I would hope the next President (next column)

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sident would represent the District in place of running it." He would have the necessary time.

The Board went on with the agenda, taking a recess at 6:10 PM and reconvening for a FIFTH BALLOT about 7 PM, delayed because Richman and Antonovich were out of the room. Antonovich and Washington were again nominated. For the first time Richman voted, saying, "My abstention will change to a vote since I am assured of the capability of the individual to get out when there is too much pressure."

With Richman's vote, Antonovich was elected President 4-3. Immediately afterward, Richman was elected Vice-President by the same vote. Washington, with Wyatt and Bronson voting for him, was also defeated for this office.

If Antonovich goes to the Assembly in January (he said he wanted the Presidency because the experience would help him on the Education Committee up there) Richman, like Bronson, a "freshman", will be President of the Board.

### EMPTY CHAIRS--WILL MONEY FILL THEM?

Despite current job-finding difficulties, Board employees move on.

Superintendent-Chancellor Click to Santa Monica. County Counsel Ron Apperson to Unified District. Asst. Supt. of Instruction Davis to a newspaper. Coordinator of Voc. Educ. Simonds retired suddenly in mid-July to "new experiences". Board Secretary Poulson to Personnel Commission. Communications Officer Gomerz to Pasadena College. Acting Presidents at Pierce, East, Southwest. Acting Superintendent, William Spaeter, from Personnel.

Acting Asst. Supt. of Personnel, Frank Koski, like Spaeter, no community college experience.

By the time you receive this CONCERNS (very late this month because of vacations), a new Superintendent-Chancellor may be announced. The Board is offering \$45,000--\$16,000 a year more than 3 years ago and more than Mayor Yorty's \$38,000. According to Board thinking, a strong Superintendent, secured by a large salary, can guide the Board and District to efficiency & eminence.

## SOUTHWEST STUDENT LEADERS PROTEST IN VAIN

Larry Price, a graduating student at Southwest College, and Mr. Moffett, Student Body President, appeared at the August 2nd Board meeting to protest the appointment of Dean of Instruction H.W. Ravetch as Acting President of the college in the absence of Dr. Leadie Clark, who has become Superintendent of Instruction in the Los Rios District near Sacramento (notice correction--not President as in July CONCERNS). Ravetch was later ratified 6-1, Orozco opposed.

According to the Board's press release, Ravetch lives in Canoga Park, one of Mr. Price's objections to his appointment, since "Southwest is a peculiar institution, 95% Black, impoverished community, and a person who commutes 35 miles per day cannot be sensitive to the community." Price also objected to the Board's decision as "unilateral--no consultation with students, faculty, or community."

Price then listed (Moffett agreeing) the following shortcomings of the instructional program at Southwest: LEARNING CENTER--12 machines have not worked in 1½ years; only 2 or 3 tapes available in the last year. RACIAL REMARKS have appeared in school paper. COLLEGE BURSTING with 4300 students who have difficulty getting classes; meanwhile, the recent appointment of 28 supervisors over a faculty of 95 has further reduced the number of classes by 32 for the fall semester, with no teacher or class replacements. FOUR DIFFERENT PRESIDENTS have headed Southwest in the last 5 years. NOT MORE THAN 10 BLACK INSTRUCTORS in a faculty of 100; the need here is also for concerned instructors. FEW FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS for students, although Southwest is the second most impoverished college in the District. CONSTRUCTION NEEDS NOT MET; West L.A. College, established later, is far ahead. "We're still in bungalows."

The Board went into Executive Session with Mr. Price. When it emerged, Ravetch was voted in.

## BOARD BRIEFINGS

Mrs. LaFollette listed the Board's accomplishments during her 1½ year Presidency as: Full accreditation during the past year for East, Harbor, City Colleges--"only partly due to the Trustees, mainly due to faculties"; 4.8% pay increase to faculty (4.1% to Classified) in 1971-72, and 5.5% "overall increase" to faculty 1972-73; 10% increase in student enrollment; Campus Centre completed at Valley and

## BOARD BRIEFINGS (continued)

Women's Gym started; Theatre Complex and other buildings at West LA; "soon to begin permanent buildings at Southwest."

No consultation with faculty preceded August 2 list of new requirements for graduation. List was tabled mainly because Amer. History not on it.

Dr. Richman's motion that cafeteria employees' retirement and health insurance be included in cafeteria costs was passed July 12 by 5-2 vote, Bronson and Washington opposed. According to employees' representative, student food prices will increase 16%, and the owner of a \$20,000 home will save only 12 cents a year in taxes. Dr. Washington said, "Every time you add a dollar you cut a student out of school," but Mrs. LaFollette and Mr. Antonovich thought the result might be better quality cafeteria food.

After a 2 hour presentation by 2 architectural firms, one of which had built 5 college and 16 high school libraries, the Board unanimously voted for the other firm to build a library addition at East Los Angeles College. Mr. Beckhardt, of the firm that won, taught at East for 8 years, resigning in June, 1972, a month before he made the presentation to the Board. The Building will cost \$1,794,814, including \$178,274 for various architectural fees and \$67,580 for "contingencies". The cost is \$41 per sq. ft.

Books for the libraries are another matter. In the new \$110.3 million budget, up 3.6% from last year, the library budget for books has gone down from \$374,089 to \$320,538, this in spite of the fact that the cost of books has increased 20% and periodical subscriptions 11%. The libraries have had to depend on federal grants, which so far have not been forthcoming this year.

In spite of objection from the College Presidents Council concerning inefficiency of operation, data processing continues to be centralized, adding 18 employees to the Central Office, acquiring a new computer (rental \$36,974 per month), all costing \$2,300,000 next year. Instruction in Data Processing will be limited to City, Harbor, and Pierce, the only colleges with computers. Eventually the Central Office will control all instructional "teleprocessing" and all records.

Shelly Wagner, \$30,000 a year part time lobbyist for this Board was credited by the LA Times on August 7 with promoting a bill to eliminate Timothy Sperr, LA County Marshall and his former boss. This bill has reached Governor Reagan's desk, as did a similar one last year, which was vetoed. Wagner, hopefully, is also mindful of his friends.

## THE TRAPNELL REPORT:

# COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONCERNS

Meetings of June, 1972

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July 10, 1972

### THE MONEY DOES NOT GO TO EDUCATION

Since this Board of Trustees took office, July, 1969, the tax rate has increased 22% and the budget, possibly \$104,295,946, will be 21% more. It is difficult to give the student increase--that seems to be a numbers game between the administrators and the Board--but its increase is at least 15%, from 70,894 in 1969 to 78,308.

These increases in budget, tax rate, "projected" students, would suggest an increase in the number of teachers, but the Preliminary Budget for 1972-73 cuts over \$50,000 from CERTIFICATED (Instructional) salaries. As a matter of fact, the last few Instructional positions added were in the Election Year Budget, two years ago.

How are additional students accommodated? The answer is that the figures are Fall enrollments, when innumerable students, over 1,000 at Pierce College, for example, are put in HOLDING. They wait for other students to drop out in order to get classes. Many of them never get classes at all, and themselves drop out, or they may get one or two classes, or classes they don't want, and take 3, 4 years or longer to complete a 2 year junior college education. Thus this District complies with the State Law that says every person over 18 must be admitted. The State Law does not say that every person admitted must be given classes.

The District further short-changes students by evading the law that says that any Instructor who has substituted for one year must be given Probationary, the beginning of Permanent status. The Board has issued an order that no new Instructor is to be hired for more than 75% of the year, so new people are hired as one-semester substitutes, then replaced by other new teachers. At least one college, whose Dean of Instruction has been promoted to a Presidency, devised the ingenious scheme of using the same substitutes  
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2 or 3 years, substituting them each semester for a different teacher. Since Mr. Jones and Mr. Smith were both on leave, Substitute A was Mr. Jones one semester, and Substitute B, Mr. Smith. Next semester A was Smith and B was Jones--with no difference in program, only on paper! With this system, at least the students had experienced instruction; under the new system of one-semester substitutes, the students have new, inexperienced teachers each semester.

Even if there were additional instructors, there probably would be no classroom space for the 4% increase in students next year, since the budget shows  $\emptyset$  building funds.

Where has the almost \$20,000,000 Budget increase in 3 years gone? In the year 1970-71 the Central Office budget increased 81%. See June 10 CONCERNS for this year's figures.

### CLICK RESIGNS: ANOTHER PRESIDENT GOES

Dr. Donald W. Click, appointed 2 years ago with a 4 year contract at \$33,552, resigned to become President of Santa Monica City College at \$29,000 per year. William W. Spaeter, for 10 years a professional baseball player, then Physical Education teacher and baseball coach at University High, then in Personnel in the Unified District, and finally Asst.-Superintendent of Personnel for the Community Colleges 1970-72, has been named Acting Superintendent in place of Dr. Click. He has had no teaching or administrative experience in a community college.

Another "second generation" appointee (Click replaced Warburton), and the 7th President to leave the District since 1969, Dr. Leadie Clark, selected for Southwest College only a year or so ago, has taken a leave to become President of Los Rios College near Sacramento.

Dr. N. Franklin Modisett, whose job as assistant to Chancellor Click was suddenly eliminated on March 1, has been given a newly coined position as "continuing education and development representative" at \$26,000 per year, his "continuing education"--remedial classes, and its "development"--to adult high school classes.

## NEW RETIREMENT PLAN RUSHED: RAISES NOT

Although the Preliminary Budget is presented to the Board of Trustees early in April, and Classified (Non-Instructional) salaries, with their mandated cost-of-living and comparable-to-private-sector increases are discussed in May and June, the Board has not, in its 3 years' existence, informed teachers of their September salaries by the last school day in June.

Last year the Board offer to the Instructors did not come through until the middle of August, with the result that the WAGE FREEZE, the Board said, prevented them from giving the 4.85% cost-of-living increase (the c.o.l. had risen more than that--campus police had received 16.6% increase in June) until the middle of November, when the Wage and Price Control Board allowed a 5% increase; teachers got 4.85, not retroactive.

Last September Professor Virginia Mulrooney of the Guild told the Board, after pointing out that administrative costs have risen 190% since 1969, instructional costs 12%, that this District is 53rd among California Community College Districts in Instructors' pay. Chicago pays 50% more; New York 100% more.

This June Professor Max Hotop and Exec. Secretary Owen Waters of LACTA requested that the Board use its 65% of surplus RETIREMENT FUNDS, "hard cash belonging to the teachers", to RESTRUCTURE THE SALARY SCHEDULE, which not only is low, but takes 26 years to reach maximum. The surplus Retirement Funds, 65% of which go to the Board, 15% to the teachers, and 20% to the taxpayers, result from teachers' giving up their funded local system and joining the State Retirement plan. The surplus funds are those not needed to buy into the State system. Owen Waters (LACTA) and Bernard Friedman (Guild) also objected to instructors' receiving only 4% interest on the 15% of the funds being returned to them, since for some time return on their money has been between 8 and 9%.

Mrs. LaFollette mentioned publicly that a 1972-1973 cost-of-living raise of 5.5% was contingent on the teachers' voting on June 14 to go to State Retirement, and thus return a "wind-fall" of \$8-10 millions to the Board. Actually, the Instructors had little choice, since a State law mandated the transfer of their retirement, and a delaying law was still in the State Senate. In addition, Spaeter did not send the complicated information booklet to Instructors until June 8, during Exam week. Ballots had to be in June 14 to be counted. 67% of Instructional staff of 2200 voted; for various reasons only 1239 were valid; 918 voted for State Plan. The Board has still not voted September salaries.

## PIMENTEL PRESIDENT OF HARBOR

The Board of Trustees' Press Release of June 23 announced the selection of Eugene A. Pimentel as President of Harbor College, effective July 1, 1972.

Until the Fall of 1971, Harbor had a most distinguished and beloved President, Dr. Wendell Black, who retired early, mentioning the Board as one reason. Mr. Kenneth S. Williams has been a fine Acting President this year, but was not a candidate for the Presidency. More than 60 people applied for the position.

There is no written rule as to the selection of a President, former BOARD RULE 3040, requiring a Doctoral degree, an interviewing committee, etc., being one of the first casualties of this Board majority (4-3) in the Fall of 1969. As with Southwest College, faculty, students, and even members of the community at Harbor refused to take part in the President selection.

Mr. Pimentel received his B.S. degree in Vocational Agriculture from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo in 1946 and an M.A. degree from Los Angeles State College. He began teaching at Arroyo Grande High School and from 1950-58 taught at Pierce College. He then moved into a variety of coordinators and assistant-deanships at Pierce from 1958-66, going to East LA College as Acting Dean, 1966-68, and to Southwest College as Dean of Personnel from 1968-70. He succeeded Dr. Click as Dean of Evening Division at Valley College in March, 1970, and became Valley's Dean of Instruction in October, 1970. He is a retired Reserve Marine Corps Major, the second recently appointed college President with military rank, Dr. Kaufman of City College being General of the Southwest Army Reserve.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Board member Frederic Wyatt has been elected President and Treasurer of the Region Eight Delegate Assembly of the CALIFORNIA JUNIOR COLLEGE ASSOCIATION (CJCA), a 41-year-old professional organization serving California's public and private junior colleges.

The Board, except Mr. Orozco who has had difficulties with Blue Shield about his wife's obstetrical payments, renewed Health and Dental coverage for employees and retirees in June. Although costs of hospital-medical plans have gone up, the tax which pays for these health benefits under the Education Code will be reduced from the 1971-72 rate of \$.0270 to .0263 for 1972-73, partly by changing to Connecticut General for less expensive Dental Insurance.

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# COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONCERNS

Meetings of May, 1972

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June 10, 1972

### THE POLITICS OF A NON-POLITICAL BOARD

Trustee Mike Antonovich won the Republican nomination for the 43 Assembly District in the Primary. His Democratic opponent in November will be Patrick A. Thornton, who received 20,446 votes. Antonovich got 19,987, 56%; his opponent Girard, 15,877, 44% of the Republican votes.

If Antonovich wins in November, he will be the 3rd Trustee to move to Sacramento; his office on the College Board will be vacant from January to July, 1973, unless a new candidate wins a majority in the April Primary, an unlikely possibility. This means that, except in routine matters, the Board will be immobilized by a 3-3 vote, Richman generally "feeling comfortable" with LaFollette and Orozco; Bronson, Washington and Wyatt generally feeling uncomfortable.

Since this publication looks toward the ELECTION of SPRING, 1973, a review for new readers (our mailing list has increased from 300 to 500 in two months) is in order. In June, 1969, the BOARD OF TRUSTEES, the first after the separation of the 8 colleges from the Unified District consisted of Edmund G. Brown, Jr., who became Secretary of State Jan. 1, 1971; Robert Cline, 64th District Assemblyman since Jan. 1, 1971; Marian LaFollette, William Orozco, Kenneth Washington, all re-elected to 4 year terms in June, 1971; also Frederic Wyatt and Mike Antonovich, elected to 4 year terms in 1969 and up for election in 1973, unless Antonovich wins in November. In 1971 Monroe Richman won Cline's vacant office (4 years), and Arthur Bronson won Brown's unexpired 2 year term.

The ELECTION, SPRING 1973, will involve BRONSON, WYATT, and ANTONOVICH (or a vacancy). LAFOLLETTE, OROZCO, WASHINGTON, and RICHMAN remain until 1975.

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### ANOTHER COLLEGE LOSES A PRESIDENT

Trustee Kenneth Washington said on May 17th: "With very little substantive evidence and ignorance of what a college president has to do, we are about to exercise raw power. As one Board member I have extreme regret that this Board is contemplating, far less taking, this action." Despite other strong statements from Wyatt, Bronson, the Senate President and the Mayor of Monterey Park, Faculty censure (99-4) of the Board, and Student Government's objections, the Board voted 4-3 (Orozco, Richman, LaFollette, Antonovich for; Washington, Wyatt, Bronson against) to remove Dr. John K. Wells from the Presidency of East LA College.

The ostensible background was the dropping of a teacher in Mexican-American Studies (non-tenured) and the hiring of an Anglo who had worked 2 years in the Men's Phys Ed Dept. instead of a new Mexican-American instructor. In June, 1971, after these episodes, Dr. Click, the Superintendent, overruled Dr. Wells and gave him an Unsatisfactory rating. Subsequently, dissident Mexican-American instructors and students, plus Dr. Harold P. Mintz, who had been removed as Forensics Coach by the Speech Department, made charges in the Board's Executive (closed) Sessions, whereas most of the Deans, Faculty, and students have been ignored.

Since East Los Angeles College has mainly Mexican-American students, the issue seems not to be racial, but political. The college's CAMPUS NEWS, Tim Brockman, the Associated Students' President, said, "The Board's action was stimulated by their ultra-conservative reactionary policies. I believe that the majority of the students are behind the President. The Board wants a President of their own choosing--one whom they can control."

Wells had brought in more than \$500,000 a year in financial aid programs for students and \$1.8 million federally funded educational programs; he had also established "a Saturday College"--free, non-credit, family-attended courses. East LA had the first Mexican-American and African-American junior college departments.

## THE BOARD IS PROTECTED FROM THE BUDGET

At the Board's May 31st meeting, Mr. B.H. Sampson, Director of Fiscal Services, said of the Budget: "It isn't necessary for Board members to read this whole dull dry document with complete understanding. Just look at the first pages--look at page 4. It's summarized there in big numbers." He then told them that a Board of Directors in a big corporation wouldn't have time to get down to Intermediate Clerk Typist and wouldn't want to.

Maybe the Board members who, themselves, receive only \$50 per meeting and whose total budget is only \$26,954, including overtime and a part time clerk, shouldn't "get down" to the clerk-typist, but their Budget should reflect their policies for the colleges. Does it?

Two years ago the Chamber of Commerce representative criticized the Budget as being non-revealing, and there was talk of a new type, but the 1972-73 Preliminary Budget still contains pages and pages of cryptic and vague items, except the few jobs or people that are being dropped or added. Some items, such as these at one college, seem very large and vague: Maintenance of Plant, \$308,568; Special Maintenance of Plant, \$13,438; Building Maintenance, \$105,043.

However, some items are quite clear: although Mr. Sampson has projected a 3% increase in the Students, 75,500 in 1971-2 to 78,308 in 1972-3, necessitating 19 new instructors if classes are to be available, the April Preliminary Budget shows one college asking for 2 instructors, one dropping 4, the rest asking for 0. One counselor is being dropped in the District and none are added, in spite of Mr. Hotop's presentation in April that LA is near the bottom of 92 Districts.

On the other hand, at least 9 new Coordinators and several Special Assistants are being added in the Central Office and in the colleges to an already heavy superstructure of Deans, Assistant Deans and Superintendents.

At the May 31st meeting every college President testified that centralization of data processing and computers was hampering not only the administration, but the educational process of the colleges. Virginia Mulrooney of the College Guild said, "There's a 20% increase for data processing. If we got a 1% increase of faculty, we could do the job."

Bronson reminded Supt. Click that the Board had voted to cut the Central Office budget 10%. The Board then voted to put a freeze on hiring until July 1st. But that does not answer the question: Do the Board's priorities and policies favor the classroom or the computer and the coordinator?

## ODDS AND ENDS

A motion to support the State EARTHQUAKE BONDS, subsequently passed by the voters, was defeated by the Board of Trustees because there was no money in it for community colleges. Bronson, Washington, and Wyatt voted for it.

When the SUPERIOR COURT ordered the Board to allow STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY on the Trade-Tech Campus, the Board refused, 3-3, to comply, Washington absent, Richman joining Bronson and Wyatt in compliance. Antonovich: "He [the Judge] has no authority." LaFollette: "I contend judges make mistakes." When County Counsel said, "Voting for appeal will assist us in contempt proceedings," the Board voted to appeal. At almost the same time 3 SDS students were in court on criminal charges carrying a possible 6 months' sentence for demonstrating at a Board meeting where the Judge's order was turned down.

Mrs. LaFollette's motion to appropriate over \$20,000 of the District's money for a NURSERY AND CHILD CARE CENTRE at Harbor College failed for lack of a second. When she said to Board members on May 24th: "You all did a very serious crime at Harbor...", Bronson replied, "You leave yourself open for criticism for voting against HEADSTART on that campus."

A motion to buy 7.4 acres of land (at 815 Lapham Street, El Segundo, property which is outside the District and would have to be annexed) and a 180,000 square foot structure from NORTH AMERICAN ROCKWELL was defeated 3-3, Mrs. LaFollette, a shareholder, abstaining. The property would be used for the TRADE-TECH AIRCRAFT ANNEX and for the DISTRICT OFFICES, now on Olympic Boulevard. NORTH AMERICAN would rent the top floor. The feasibility of conducting meetings with jet engines being revved up outside and/or putting the Central Office on the periphery of the District, plus the fact that the facilities are twice the size needed, was raised by Washington, Bronson, and Richman. Nevertheless, Richman voted with Orozco and Antonovich to buy the property.

Although Presidents, Deans, and District Police took the FIFTH AMENDMENT, in the action brought by instructors and students for a restraining order and injunction, the Judge refused, saying that, while bugging of meetings and wiretapping of telephones had been done at the colleges, "IRREPARABLE DAMAGE" had not been proven.

Mrs. LaFollette's motion to consider 4 year contracts for college Presidents and to give recognition to outstanding teachers was passed.

## THE TRAPNELL REPORT:

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Meetings of <sup>April</sup> March, 1972

P.O. Box 49633, L.A., Calif. 90049

May 9, 1972

### THIS IS BUDGET TIME

On April 26th and July 5th "persons and organizations and any taxpayer" may object to items on the COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUDGET, which will be adopted August 10th. However, that taxpayer will have to have \$17.40 to purchase the budget, providing he is lucky enough to get one of the 35 copies printed by the District at a cost of \$500. Mr. Howard Watts, a conservative Republican who monitors both the Unified and College Boards, contrasted the two Districts' presentations of their budgets and told the College Board on April 19th that it should be censured for the price of the complete budget and the vagueness of the costs in the Preliminary Budget, e.g., "other expenses, \$2,640,000."

The Executive Director of the College Guild, Professor Virginia Mulrooney, having bought a copy of the complete budget, questioned at the same meeting the number of employees, over 200, budgeted for 2140 Olympic Blvd. (Last year's budget increased the Central Office staff 81%.) The proposed new positions: Coordinator of Printing, \$17,000; Assistant to the Superintendent (an office abolished by the Board in March) at a higher salary, \$26,723; 3 Coordinators in Instruction at \$26,000 each; the retiring female Superintendent gets \$24,000; Instructional Television in the Central Office (in addition to its office at City College), \$110,122 for 1972-73. The most startling increase is the DATA PROCESSING budget \$702,250, 400% more than the \$211,433 of 1970-71, with a 48% employee increase from 38 to 56.

Professor Max Hotop, President of the Los Angeles College Teachers Association, speaking

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for the Counselors' Association, after emphasizing the vital function of counseling in the community college and reminding the Board that State law requires counseling of students taking more than 6 units, pointed out that the 3 colleges, with counselor ratios of 1-800 to 1-1,000 students, place from 84th to 91st among the 92 community college districts in Calif. He asked that the ratio be raised to 1 counselor for 574 day students over a 3-5 year period, adding 5 counselors per year.

### CHECK AGENDA OF BOARD MEETINGS & ATTENDANCE

Your reporter suggests that, if you are tempted to attend a Board of Trustees' meeting, you phone the office, 380-6000, to check the agenda since the Board has begun a practice of first adjourning to Executive Session and then meeting later in the afternoon. The April 4 meeting began at 3:30; April 19 at 5:35; April 26 at 5 PM. The regular time for starting meetings has been 2:30, with Executive Sessions normally occurring at the end.

Another problem, if you want to see the stars of the show, is the trustees' attendance. Dr. Richman, who heads a Medical Clinic in Tujunga and also serves on the Police and Fire Retirement Commission, having been absent the last meeting in March, arrived at 5 PM on April 4. His vote was not recorded on important motions at the April 12 and April 26 meetings, and he was absent the entire April 19 meeting. Mr. Antonovich, currently a candidate for the Republican nomination in the 43rd Assembly District, arrived at 5:15 PM for the April 12 meeting, which began at 2:30. Antonovich also teaches high school in the Unified District.

At the April 26 meeting a 2-2 vote defeated Mr. Wyatt's notion to permit Summer Session instructors to be scheduled on a 4 day, 5 evening basis. (Colleges in the Valley lack air conditioning.) Ms. LaFollette and Mr. Wyatt were at conventions, both authorized by the Board, and Dr. Richman was absent. One absence can, and frequently does, cause a 3-3 or defeat of a motion, with the present Board line-up. Richman is the "swing" vote, often he goes with LaFollette, Orozco, and Antonovich.

## WHAT DO COMMUNITY COLLEGE TEACHERS DO?

Thoreau, who was himself a teacher, may have coined his famous phrase, "lives of quiet desperation", to describe all teachers, but the community college instructor or professor frequently feels particularly desperate when he/she tries to communicate the heavy demands put upon him/her to meet the needs of "anyone over 18 years of age" who, under California law, must be admitted to community colleges.

Citizens know elementary and secondary and college institutions they themselves attended, but few, including Trustees, have attended the community college, largely a post-World War II repository for vocational, technical, semi-professional, and Lower Division college and university education.

This month Ms. LaFollette introduced a "time-clock" motion, enumerating "student-contact", counseling, preparation, teaching hours required of instructors. One English Department reported a teaching work week of 55-67½ hours among its 30 members, 89% of whom are Ph.D.'s or far beyond the required M.A., 59% of whom have published, and 86% of whom do additional club, committee, or other campus duties. The Council of College Presidents, in another report, endorsed the present teaching situation.

No rules can reflect the responsibility of any department, the reason being the enormous amount of remedial work the community college instructor must do, even in classes not labeled remedial, plus the requirement to meet university standards. Technical, business, and vocational demands also require this double teaching assignment. The "Open Door" admits those who have not finished grammar school in extreme cases, but more generally those with varied high school deficiencies, the university getting the B students and the colleges the C averages, most frequently, in spite of the Master Plan. However, two years ago community college graduates constituted one half of the Phi Beta Kappas at UCLA, and they do as well in Upper Division as those entering the colleges and universities from high school; they are also highly regarded and recruited by business and industry.

It is against this background of dedicated professionalism and successful results that the difficulties between the Board on the one hand, and the faculties, administration, students, even the community, must be judged. (Councilman Bradley stalked out of a meeting angrily; Dr. Marie Martin was removed from the Presidency of Pierce College, in spite of strong commu-

ity protest, and promptly given a high education position in Washington by the Nixon Administration; the Los Angeles Times has frequently chided the Board editorially.)

Ms. LaFollette's motion, supported by Orozco and Antonovich, who wants an even heavier teaching load, has been postponed probably until May 31, because a 3-3 vote (Richman was absent) defeated it this month.

## REFUSE SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS

On April 12 the Board, by a 3-3 vote (Antonovich absent; LaFollette, Orozco, Richman, no; Bronson, Washington, Wyatt, yes) refused support of the \$160,000,000 bond issue (to be matched by local districts' dollars) for buildings, equipment, and site acquisitions for California public community colleges, on the November 7, 1972 ballot.

Because Los Angeles would get only \$10,000,000 and its taxpayers would pay \$59,852,000 of the cost, Ms. LaFollette favored "getting the news to the community" that "they would pay \$6 for every \$1 they would get from this bond issue."

In spite of the fact that the County Counsel said they had "no option but to support this", that Los Angeles had received 23% of the previous bond issue, that Bronson, Washington, and Wyatt stated the need for broad support of public education and for L.A. to help less advantaged areas, and finally that the Taxpayers' Association favors the bond issue as a step toward state support of community colleges, the three dissidents insisted that there should be local control of the colleges with local funds.

## "WE REGRET THAT WE CANNOT PARTICIPATE"

The above headline on the Harbor College newspaper, TIDES, announced the refusal of both the Faculty and Student Senates to participate in selecting a President for Harbor College. (Their beloved President, Dr. Wendell Black, retired last September, giving as one of his reasons the Board of Trustees.) The reason for the boycott was the elimination of 49 qualified candidates by a four man committee headed by Supt. Click. In the Spring of 1970, the Board majority eliminated previous guidelines for selecting Presidents and adopted a Rule leaving the selection method up to the Board. Five Presidents and the Superintendent-Chancellor have been appointed in the last 2½ years, each by a different procedure or none at all, i.e., by appointment.

# COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONCERNS

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Meetings in March, 1972

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## WHO. WHAT. WHERE. WHEN. WHY. AND HOW!

These COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONCERNS, to be issued monthly from now until April, 1973, when the ELECTION of three Board of Trustees members will take place, are being sent to 300 community groups and individuals interested in both EDUCATION and ELECTIONS.

Having taught English for 17 years at Valley College, one of the 8 colleges in the Los Angeles College District, and believing that the two-year community college is the most valuable educational development in the 20th century, I began attending Board meetings shortly after the colleges were separated from the Unified District Board of Education in July, 1969, and have attended almost every weekly meeting since that time. Until February, 1971, I wrote weekly reports of the meetings for the colleges' 1800 faculty members; since the Spring 1971 Election, I have written monthly reports for a selected group. In expanding my mailing list, I hope to acquaint the community with the issues and personalities before the Spring, 1973, Election.

The members of the Board of Trustees are Mrs. Marion LaFollette, President; Dr. Monroe Richman, Dr. Kenneth Washington, Mr. William Orozco, Mr. Mike Antonovich, Mr. Arthur Bronson, and Mr. Frederic Wyatt. The last three named here will face re-Election next Spring, unless Mr. Antonovich wins the Republican Assembly seat he is now seeking in the 43rd District (Glendale and Los Feliz).

Elections in Los Angeles, especially in Education, are usually hampered by lack of information and communication. Hopefully, Community College Concerns, with your help, will inform many voters. Please post this; discuss it at meetings; if possible, xerox it for members. If you want more copies or know of organizations that would like to be on the mailing list, please let me know.

**SPEAKERS ARE AVAILABLE:** Call the College Guild, 666-8127, or Los Angeles College Teachers Association, 481-7532. I am available and am solely responsible for the contents and distribution of these reports. (A \$2 subscription for the year would help.)

---Jean Trapnell

## SPYING AND BUGGING CHARGED IN COURT SUIT

One of the reasons given by the Western Colleges Accreditation Commission for partial and delayed accreditation of several colleges has been the atmosphere of fear and distrust felt by faculty, administrators, and students since this Board of Trustees took office in 1969.

Since that time, only 4 of the original 12 top administrators remain in office; 5 of the 8 college Presidents have resigned.

The Board created a \$1,000,000 "police" force, instead of security officers, so that investigative work could be included in their duties.

The culmination came on March 20, 1972, when the College Guild, AFT Local 1521, composed of over 1,000 faculty members, with the American Civil Liberties Union, the Western Center of Law and Poverty, and the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, brought a million dollar suit against the Board in Superior Court, asking for a permanent injunction against "bugging" of meetings at Trade-Technical College and elsewhere, collection of secret dossiers on students and teachers, and electronic monitoring of incoming phone calls at City College.

At the Board meeting on March 22, Trustee Wyatt's motion to deplore the use of such techniques, to investigate the situation, and to cooperate with law enforcement agencies was passed, Mr. Orozco abstaining because, "I'm not about to hamper our security capabilities in any form." Dr. Richman was absent.

## BOARD REJECTS HEADSTART AT HARBOR COLLEGE

Three years ago the Child Development Department at Harbor College asked for a Child Care Centre so that their 60-90 students (plus those in Psychology and Education classes) could get "lab" experience, necessary for jobs in the field. They were told the Board had no funds and were urged to get the money elsewhere. On March 15th they came in with \$23,000 from the Federal Government, \$2,045 from the students of Harbor College, and asked \$300 from the Board to start the first bilingual Head Start program in the country in a mobile unit on the campus. 15 children would be accommodated. (please turn the page)

## HEADSTART (continued)

On March 22nd, the Board voted 3-3 (Antonovich, LaFollette, Orozco opposed; Bronson, Washington, Wyatt for; Richman absent) on the project, rejecting it.

Mrs. LaFollette, who led the defeat of the Head Start unit at Harbor said, "My greatest concern is that our campus will not control the program. I am opposed to extension of federal control. She added that the Staff would work a District-funded Child Care Centre for Harbor, to be started September 22 for a 3 year trial period. The number one priority would be to take care of children "of our own students". The aim would be to take more than 15 children for less money. Mr. Antonovich added, "Nixon vetoed the Child Care Act. I concur with him. Children should not be used as guinea pigs. If government gets involved it is wrong, be it Hitler or Mao Tse Tung." The proponents of Head Start had said Mrs. Nixon is on their National Board.

Mr. Bronson and Mr. Wyatt pointed out that the District already accepts \$3,-4,000,000 in Federal Funds and that the Board frequently complains of too little State Aid.

## CAMPUS RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD

On March 15, by the frequent 4-3 vote (Antonovich, LaFollette, Orozco, Richman vs. Bronson, Washington, Wyatt), 7 pages of Campus Rules were adopted despite strong criticism from students, lawyers, and the ACLU, based mainly on unconstitutionality and court decisions. The Board majority countered that the Rules were verbatim copies of the Education Code and adopted them against insistence that subsequent legislation and court actions had invalidated them.

The most controversial rules: 91101.14 "Unlawful Assembly. Unlawful assembly is prohibited. An unlawful assembly occurs when) two or more persons assemble together to do an unlawful act, or 2) do a lawful act in a violent, boisterous, or tumultuous manner." 91106.10 c. "Manner of Expression. Students are expected to use good taste in their manner of expressing ideas. All language, pictures, drawings, or photographs used in any material distributed, displayed, or circulated ...must not be vulgar or profane. Vulgar as used herein includes that which is lewd, profane, coarse, crude, or offensive."

91101.15 "Political Organizations. Any student political organization may become a college club if it is affiliated with the official youth division of any political party that is on the ballot in the State of California...."

The Board was warned that it was inviting law suits on the adjectives listed in the first two rules above, since Courts have already thrown them out and now allow only "obscene, defamatory, and illegal". With regard to 91101.15, Dr. Washington introduced a resolution authorizing college Presidents to follow the new Education Code rule that permits unaffiliated political organizations on campus, but it was defeated 4-3. On April 4 suit was brought in Superior Court to require the Board to allow Muskie and McGovern meetings on the Valley College campus.

Three students were arrested at the Board meeting of March 1, when they protested the banning of SDS at Trade-Technical College, in spite of a request to the Board from a Superior Court Judge.

## EXTENDED SUMMER SESSION VOTED DOWN

Despite the College Guild's presentations since December that an extended, flexible Summer Session at the colleges would bring added educational values, 90% funding by the State, and year-round utilization of facilities, the Board unanimously voted the usual 6 weeks' session. Richman's resolution "to encourage innovation on each college campus subject to the Board of Trustees", was passed, Orozco abstaining.

## BOARD PROPOSES FEES FOR STUDENTS

Traditionally, fees have been forbidden in the "Open Door" community college. Two years ago the Board imposed fees on adults taking fewer than 10 units. This year they are proposing to amend the Education Code to permit fees in chemistry, physics, photography, art, shop, bowling, golf, and swimming classes. The vote was 4-3.

## BOARD MEMBERS ACT INDEPENDENTLY

Criticism was leveled at both Pres. LaFollette and Dr. Richman for failure to consult the Board before taking important actions. In the "bugging" case Dr. Richman sent a letter on Board stationery to the Justice Department without the knowledge of other members of the Board. Mrs. LaFollette thought this action "improper". However, her colleagues have questioned her unilateral press conferences and press releases, and her recent action in summoning Harbor faculty members to plan a District-supported Child Care Centre.